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(b) whether the Government propose to comply with the request of the Conference that a pandit may be chosen to represent that class on the Senate of the University under provision No. 12 of clause III of section 14?

*A.*—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The matter is one for the consideration of the University.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“ May I ask whether the hon. the Minister for Education does not know that the appointment to the Senate vest in the hands of the Government or rather of the Chancellor, whether he was not consulted, and if so, whether he cannot give effect to the suggestion mentioned in clause (b) of the question? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“ The University is an independent body. It is independent of the Government, and it is not a department of the Government.”

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—“ May I inform the hon. the Minister for Education, Sir, that on a reference from me, to 11-45 a.m. the Vice-Chancellor he informed me that the nominations vested in the Chancellor under the advice of the Minister. We cannot therefore say that the matter solely vests in the University and the Vice-Chancellor.”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“ I am afraid the hon. Member has not examined the Act very carefully. The nominations vest in the Chancellor, and whatever the Vice-Chancellor replied to him, must be consistent with the provisions of the Act.”

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—“ I have got the written reply from the Vice-Chancellor, Sir, that His Excellency the Chancellor will make the appointments on the advice of the hon. the Minister for Education, who is ex officio Pro-Chancellor.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“ With regard to the appointment of 30 and odd members recently made, and in view of the hon. the Minister’s statement, may I ask him whether he was or was not consulted by the Chancellor regarding those nominations? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“ I decline to answer that question.”

*Application of Muhammadan students to proceed to England.*

352 Q.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABD-UL-LAH HAJI QASIM SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to lay on the table a list of applications received in the year 1923 from Muhammadans to proceed to England for prosecuting their studies together with information as to the orders passed by the Government on each application?

*A.*—No such applications were received.

*The number of students in this Presidency.*

353 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to furnish information as to the number of students receiving instruction in this Presidency for each year from 1919-20 to 1922-23 in

(a) primary schools,